

SUPPLEMENTAL SRP STIPULATIONS
for the
GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA AND WILDERNESS
(Revised 7/08)

In order to protect and preserve the natural resource values and provide public safety for visitors in the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Area and all other lands within the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA), the attached supplemental stipulations and rules are in effect for all commercial recreation permits. All of these stipulations are compatible with the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan (2004).

- A. For all outfitters, insurance certificate, all required state license(s) & registration, and pre-season fee payment must be postmarked by **APRIL 1 and received in this office no later than five days after that date**. No permit will be issued unless all forms and payment are received by the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Office on or before this deadline. Annual permit holders must also submit their signed permit application form (**SRP, Form 2930-1**) each year along with the other required permit materials.
- B. Permits are **not valid unless accompanied by a current Annual Operating Authorization**. This authorization form will be issued to all qualifying companies by the NCA office prior to the river season.
- C. **Trip logs and Post Use Reports are the official documentation of use under the permit. Trip log information including use dates, location of use, numbers of staff and clients, number of total user days, and gross receipts collected for each trip must be complete, accurate, and consistent with BLM's Gunnison Gorge River Register Database. At a minimum, inaccurate and incomplete trip logs will be subjected to administrative fines of \$100 per document.**
- D. **Post Use Reports and trip logs are due by the close of business on October 31 annually for all whitewater, float fishing and walk-wade fishing permits.**
- E. **It is the permittee's responsibility to calculate all fees related to their permit (3% permit fees and Gunnison Gorge user fees) as part of the Post Use Reporting process and submit those fees (via separate checks) along with all required Post Use documentation by the October 31 deadline.**
- F. **GUNNISON GORGE USER FEES**

All outfitters are required to calculate the amount of Gorge user fees owed and submit those fees by October 31 annually along with their final (3%) permit fees.

Commercial companies operating within the main Gunnison River corridor, from the Chukar Trail downstream to the Gunnison River Pleasure Park, are required to collect user fees from their customers prior to their trip and to report the total number of day trip and overnight clients (excluding guides) on their Post Use Report sheets.

Companies are to collect users fees in the amounts of \$3 per person for day use and \$5 per person per day for camping use (i.e., 1 night = \$10.00 per person; 2 nights = \$15.00 per person. The maximum length of stay is 2 nights in the Wilderness.

Commercial guides and operators are exempt from paying Gunnison Gorge user fees only while on duty. Commercial permittees and guides who enter the Gorge Wilderness and fail to pay user fees while not on duty will be subjected to the same fines and potential criminal penalties as all other non-compliant Gunnison Gorge users.

- G. **LATE FEES FOR USE REPORTS & FEE PAYMENTS: Failure to submit trip logs, post use reports and/or fee payment(s) by the close of business on their due date will result in an assessment of late fees. Late fees of \$100 per late report will be charged for any trip logs or post use reports received after the deadline. Late fees of \$100.00 or 10% of the overdue Final Payment(s) amount, whichever is greater, will be added to each overdue fee payment for each month until all final fee payments are received in full.**

Once late, the permittee's Final Payment(s) must also include assessed late fees(s) to be considered complete. Continued late submission of use reports and fee payments will be cause for additional action against the permittee, including but not limited to the following: permit probation, suspension, and/or revocation, interest and administrative handling charges, and criminal penalties.

Companies that hold more than one permit are required to turn in **SEPARATE** year end reports and payments for each permit held. **DO NOT COMBINE PERMIT REPORTS or PERMIT PAYMENTS into one check.** An additional administrative charge of \$100.00 will be added to any combined permit payments.

- H. On all trips, day or overnight, a maximum group size of twelve (12) people, including guides, is permitted.
- I. Registration at the Chukar Put-in (boater & walk-wade fishing users) or the Duncan, Bobcat, or Ute Trailheads (walk-wade fishing users) is mandatory for all users in the Gunnison Gorge. **Information on number of people and duration of trip must be consistent with that reported in trip logs.**

J. **Head Guide Sign-In Requirements and Restrictions**

Head guides on all walk-in fishing and raft trips are required to **sign their name** along with the company name on registers at either the Chukar put-in or at any trailhead in the Gunnison Gorge.

Only the Head guides for a trip may sign-in their trip.

Head guide sign-ins can only be made on the put-in day of the trip. **Sign-ins are not permitted prior to the day of the actual launch.**

Head guides must have a copy of current BLM Annual Authorization Form in his/her possession while in the Gunnison Gorge.

- K. **Permittees must supply BLM a list of all guides employed by their company prior to the season.**

In addition, BLM must be informed of any changes in the list in a timely manner. Any guides not on the list will be required to provide BLM patrol personnel proof that they are employed by a permitted outfitter in the Gorge.

*******CHANGES TO THE GUIDE LIST SHOULD BE FAXED TO BLM AT (970) 240-5368 OR EMAIL Edd_Franz@blm.gov *******

DESIGNATED CAMPSITES

- L. **Sign-in and Use of Campsites in the Gunnison Gorge**

All campsites in the Gunnison Gorge are designated. Sign-ins are required at the Chukar Put-in (boating and walk-wade fishing trips) or the Bobcat, Duncan, or Ute trailheads (for walk-wade fishing trips). Commercial river trips must stay in designated boater sites.

Maximum length of stay for commercial boaters at one campsite is one day. No layover days are allowed (Ute Park area is considered as one campsite).

Commercial boaters may camp one night at the designated boater site at Margaritaville. The other designated site at Margaritaville is for walk-in use only.

Commercial walk-wade fishing groups may camp a maximum of two nights at a designated hiker site in the Gorge.

Campsites for overnight commercial trips in the Gorge may be signed in for only by the head guide on the day of the walk-in fishing trip or boat launch. Sign-ins of campsites are not permitted prior to the day of the actual launch.

- M. Except where specific allowances have been made by BLM, **there will be no more than two commercial launches on any one date. A "launch" is defined as all the commercial customers and guides scheduled by a company for an allocated launch on a given day.**
- The group may split into one day trip and one multi-day trip or two multi-day trips, but no other split combinations will be allowed. Groups on multi-day split trips must camp together at the same campsite(s) throughout the course of their stay.**
- Allowances will be made for inclement weather which makes the Chukar Road impassable. In such an event, the permittee may request to use the following day for his/her put-in, **with prior notification and approval of the BLM authorized officer (Karen Tucker (970) 240-5309).** However, the permittee must give preference to other outfitters having that assigned date for their rigging and launching of boats, and their selection of proposed campsites. A loss of a put-in date due to inclement weather does not guarantee that the permittee will be assigned a replacement put-in date at a later time during the season.
- N. **Any company that conducts an unauthorized launch in the Gunnison Gorge will be fined and restitution for the trip will be collected upon first offense. Any repeat violations of this stipulation will result in permit suspension and/or revocation.**
- O. **No selling of dates** is allowed. In addition, **the permittee may not assign or sublease any portion of the permit authorization or interest therein, directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily.**
- P. **Any contracting of equipment or services from non-permitted companies must be approved by BLM in advance.**
- Q. Allocated launch dates may be traded or assigned to other outfitters permitted with BLM, or they may be returned to the common pool. **BLM must be notified in advance of all trades.**
- ***** **PERMITTEES MUST EMAIL Edd.Franz@blm.gov TO REQUEST TRADING OR RELINQUISHING OF DATES.*******
- R. Unallocated "pool launches" will be open on a first-come, first-serve basis by telephone, mail, or by personal request. BLM may ask for a proof of booking prior to approval of open launch dates.
- S. No food and/or equipment caches are allowed in the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Area unless specifically authorized in advance by the permitting officer.
- T. Commercial permittees on overnight trips are required to use stoves or charcoal. If charcoal is used, it must be contained in a fire pan and the ashes must be packed out. Ashes will not be disposed of in the river. Permittee will strain food garbage from rinse water and pack-out refuse. Wood fires are not permitted in the Gorge. Kitchen and lunch site floors are strongly recommended and may become mandatory if deemed necessary.
- U. Reusable, portable toilets are required for all overnight trips and **must be set up and used each night in camp.** All human fecal matter, trash, and food refuse will be packed out and removed from the public lands. **A sanitation dump station is provided on BLM land at the Gunnison Forks take-out.** No trash facilities are provided. **Commercials are not permitted to use the pit toilet in Ute Park in place of the required portable toilet system.**
- V. Maximum length of stay within the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Area (from Margaritaville, upstream of the Chukar put-in, to the Smith Fork confluence), is three (3) days (two nights). One additional night may be added below the Smith Fork confluence.
- W. **Any commercial boater overnight use within the Gorge prior to a scheduled launch is a violation of launch allocations. Guides *without* clients may camp overnight at the Chukar Put-In to rig & monitor gear for a launch the next day. Guides *with* commercial clients who arrive the evening before an allocated launch may camp at the Chukar Trailhead.**

Any commercial walk-in fishing use (day or overnight use) associated with a launch and conducted prior to the launch, must be reported on the company's walk-in fishing permit trip logs. Walk-in fishing guides and clients on overnight trips prior to a launch must register for and camp in designated walk-in campsites or at the Chukar Trailhead.

- X. In order to reduce excessive horse traffic on the Chukar Trail during peak use periods, outfitters will be permitted **at the discretion of the horse packer**, to pack in boats and equipment for "back-to-back" trips on the afternoon prior to the first launch, and leave the gear for the second day's launch **at the designated site under the rock overhang at the Chukar Put-in.**
- Y. No motors are allowed from the boundary with the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument and the confluence with the Smith Fork. Electric raft pumps are not allowed in the WSA. Electric pumps may be used at the Gunnison Forks take-out and at the Chukar Trailhead.
- Z. Vehicular use on the BLM Chukar Road from the Peach Valley county road to the Chukar trailhead will not be permitted during a heavy or prolonged rain. It is the responsibility of the commercial permittee to insure that road damage or resource degradation does not occur from his/her use. **The permittee will be held responsible for any costs associated with road repair caused by their operations.**

CERTIFICATION

I have read these terms, conditions and stipulations and understand that I must abide by them while performing activities in connection with the permitted operations.

Date _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____

Company Name _____

This Certification page must be signed and returned with your application packet.